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Camp Butner, N.C.
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Mr. Abe Manley,
President- Newark Eagles BB Team
Newark, N.J.

Dear Sir;

I am writing you for two reasons. First concerning a player and the other about a game.

The player in question is a kid pitcher that worked a game in Norfolk for you last summer against the Elites. His name is Battle and he is some kin to the third baseman for the Gray's. Well, he went to Wilmington with us (Durham) and pitched so well against the Black Crackers' that they took him for a trial. He has been in Atlantic City playing with the Johnson Stars but turned 18 and came home to register. He has about 60 days and wants to tie up with the Eagles if he can. You can find out from the Stars how he was going or take my word for it. His hitting is the reason the Crackers took him. He pitched well for 7 innings and tired. It was his first game in two weeks. His full name and address is Kenneth Battle- Nashville, N.C. He went with the Atlanta team in hopes of picking up some money but I told him not to sign a contract until he heard from you. He is to call our Mgr. Wednesday as we want him for Memorial Day, in Charlotte. At the same time I told him I may have heard something from you. When will you be down this way again? I can tell him that and maybe he can arrange to come there and try out. Lenny' should remember him.

The game in question is a night game in Wilmington that Joe Powers wants you to play his club there. His address is % Wilmington Clowns Colored Baseball Team, Wilmington, N.C. They want you there the 29th of June. A committee of people in Durham are planning a big affair and ball game the night of July 9th (here) Price of admission will be 90cents and a parade will precede the game with the Elks band. Prizes and War Bonds will be offered at the games. The players will be chosen and they will try and get

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a team from the National League. I am on the Committee. Would you be interested?

Concerning the game in Wilmington I believe the man there would offer you a nice guarantee for the trip there. The Crackers beat us 10-5. Good game

Here's hoping something in this letter will prove beneficial and I remain

Yours in clean sports,

Marshall C. Brown

Marshall "Dady" Brown(Richmond GI')